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SUBJ: VIENTIANE SIDE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAYS

LAO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DOES NOT EXIST

REF: VIENTIANE 6455

1. IN INTERVIEW CARRIED AUGUST 20 BY THE LAO LANGUAGE VIENTIANE POST, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER (VIENTIANE SIDE) LEUAM INSISIENGMAI STATED THAT THE LAO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WENT OUT OF EXISTENCE DE FACTO WITH THE SIGNING OF THE VIENTIANE ACCORDS ON FEBRUARY 21, 1973, BUT THAT THE "DEPUTIES CONTINUE TO EXIST." HE NOTED THAT ON MAY 11, 1974, THE ASSEMBLY HAD NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO RECONVENE AND THUS THE ASSEMBLY HAS NO FURTHER ROLE TO PLAY. THEREFORE, IN THE FUTURE, NEITHER DRAFT LAWS NOR THE BUDGET WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ASSEMBLY.

2. THE POST QUOTES LEUAM AS SAYING THAT ONLY THREE ORGANIZATIONS ADMINISTER THE KINGDOM - THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

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OF NATIONAL UNION (PGNU), THE JOINT NATIONAL POLITICAL

COUNCIL (JNPC), AND THE JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT (JCCIA) -- AND THAT HE HAS NOTHING FURTHER TO DO WITH THE ASSEMBLY, ALTHOUGH HIS DOOR REMAINS OPEN TO THE DEPUTIES. HE NOTED THAT A DRAFT ROYAL ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY HAD BEEN SENT TO THE KING AND THE PGNU MUST ALSO OBTAIN THE ASSENT OF THE KING'S COUNCIL BEFORE THE FORMALITIES OF DISSOLUTION CAN BE CARRIED OUT BY THE KING. LEUAM STATED THAT THE TWO SIDES WOULD DECIDE AMONG THEMSELVES WHICH ORGANIZATION WILL REPLACE THE ASSEMBLY AFTER ITS DISSOLUTION.

3. COMMENT: LEUAM'S STATEMENT WAS MADE WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH THE LEADERS OF THE VIENTIANE SIDE AND CAME AS A SURPRISE TO MOST PERSONS IN VIENTIANE. IT CONFIRMS THE GENERAL JUDGEMENT THAT THE LAO ASSEMBLY IS INDEED FINISHED.
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